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Dear OIPE Staff,

I was just advised that the most recent divisional of my induction heating patent, No. 6,710,314, (B2), was just issued. Please be advised that my name is misspelled on the document that appears when a patent-number search is executed on the USPTO.gov website (and presumably on the actual patent paperwork, as well).

The correct spelling of my name is

Edward A. Riess (with "i" before "e", the original German-letter order).

Can this be corrected in all permanent records?

Please note that I have submitted this information by Email to the USPTO website and have received the following reply:

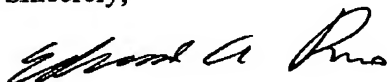
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Please also note that the assignee is:
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Thank you for your attention to this correction.

Sincerely,



Ed Riess

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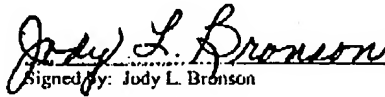
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The title is incorrectly stated as "Variable valve apparatus and methods". As reflected in the papers originally filed, the title on the Filing Receipt should read:

"Sample Mixing on a Microfluidic Device".

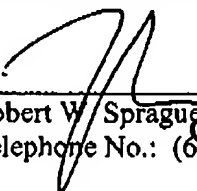
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Respectfully submitted,

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Title

[Variable valve apparatus and methods] Sample Mixing on a
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